

By: Moody

H.C.R. No. 6

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of El Paso County lost a dedicated  
2 community leader with the passing of County Commissioner Daniel  
3 Richard Haggerty on June 28, 2013, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Rochester, Minnesota, Dan Haggerty was the  
5 fifth child of Richard and Eleanor Haggerty, who instilled in each  
6 of their 11 children a deep respect for country, community, and the  
7 value of hard work; after his graduation from Cathedral High School  
8 in El Paso, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and later joined the Marine  
9 Corps, serving three tours in Vietnam; he retired from active duty  
10 with the rank of sergeant in 1972, but remained a Navy Reservist;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In the years following his return to civilian life,  
13 Mr. Haggerty owned an El Paso real estate firm; in 1994, he was  
14 elected county commissioner for Precinct 4, which encompasses parts  
15 of Northeast and West El Paso; although an outspoken fiscal  
16 conservative in a majority-Democratic county, he was returned to  
17 office for nearly two decades and won the respect of fellow  
18 commissioners from both sides of the aisle; he was known for his  
19 frankness as well as for his sense of humor, which could defuse any  
20 tense moments that would arise; and

21 WHEREAS, His ability to find levity in misfortune never  
22 faltered, even after he was diagnosed with cancer in 2011; when he  
23 lost his hair to chemotherapy treatments, he donned colorful wigs  
24 to wear to county commissioner meetings in an effort to raise cancer

1 awareness; and

2 WHEREAS, A devout Catholic, Mr. Haggerty belonged to the  
3 Knights of Columbus and additionally shared his time with a group  
4 for marine veterans; he maintained close bonds with his brothers  
5 and sisters, a number of whom also went on to hold elected office,  
6 and was a cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews; and

7 WHEREAS, Admired for his courage, kindness, and sincerity,  
8 Dan Haggerty devoted himself wholeheartedly to his constituents in  
9 El Paso County, and he will be deeply missed by all those who had the  
10 good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas,  
12 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Daniel  
13 Richard Haggerty and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
14 family: to his sisters, Kathleen Haggerty Burds, Mary Haggerty  
15 McLaughlin and her husband, Michael, Eileen Haggerty Hart and her  
16 husband, Brad, and Bridget Haggerty Maxwell and her husband,  
17 Michael; to his brothers, Patrick Haggerty, Michael Haggerty and  
18 his wife, Cynthia, Brian Haggerty and his wife, Audrey, and  
19 Jeremiah Haggerty and his wife, Silvia; and to his other relatives  
20 and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
24 Dan Haggerty.